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THE FUTURE GETS A SHOCK TO THE SYSTEM!
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IT'S THE FIGHT OF YOUR LIFE, KID. YOU READY?
I MEAN, I'M READY.
"THERE'S ONLY ENOUGH VENOM IN YOU FOR TWO INFUSIONS.
"HEY. YOU LISTENING?"
I'M LISTENING.
BRUCEY!
WELL, #$%& WELL...
HELLO.
WHOEVER DID THIS...IS A MONSTER.
I KNEW YOU'D COME.
SO, YOU IN?
BRUCE? STAY WITH ME.
WE USE ONE INFUSION NOW, AS A TEST, MAKE SURE YOUR SYSTEM CAN HANDLE IT. AND WE USE THE OTHER IN THE RING, AGAINST BANE.
I SHOULD HAVE LEFT YOU IN THAT PLACE.
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, WAYNE.
I ONLY HATE YOU HALF THE TIME.
BRUCE IS SO BROKE... HE CAN'T EVEN PAY ATTENTION.
...WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT A BAT AT ITS CORE?
KEEP TRYING. PLEASE.
JUST... JUST LET ME HOLD YOU FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
KID. IF YOUR SYSTEM TAKES TO IT, WE'RE GOOD. IF NOT...
...I'LL MAKE IT QUICK. NOW WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
LET'S GO TO @#$% WAR.

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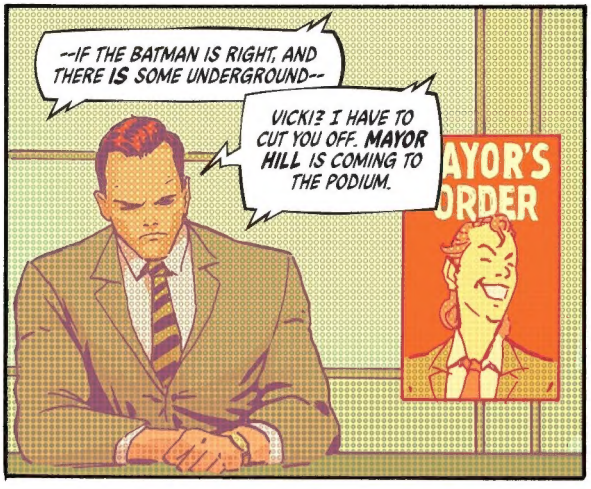
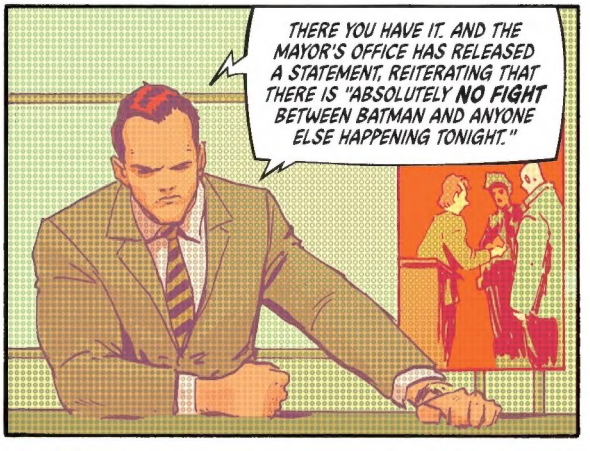

--IF THE BATMAN IS RIGHT, AND THERE **IS** SOME UNDERGROUND--
VICKI? I HAVE TO CUT YOU OFF. **MAYOR HILL** IS COMING TO THE PODIUM.
AYOR'S
ORDER

FELLOW GOTHAMITES, I AM HERE TONIGHT TO ASSURE YOU, THAT DESPITE WHAT THE TERRORIST "BATMAN" **CLAIMS,** THERE ARE NO **MONSTERS** HIDDEN AWAY BENEATH OUR STREETS.
GCPD
GOTHAM CITY

IN FACT, THE ONLY MONSTER IN THIS CITY IS **HIM. AND**...WHATEVER DANGEROUS THEATRICS HE WAS PLANNING TONIGHT AT VETERAN'S ARENA **WILL NOT BE HAPPENING.**

BREAKING
STILL, WE **INSIST** THAT **EVERYONE** HONOR THE ELEVEN P.M. CURFEW PUT IN PLACE AFTER THE BLACK MASK ATTACK...

...AND REMAIN **HOME** AND **SAFE** FROM THE BATMAN'S LAWLESS VIOLENCE. THANK YOU. AND GOD BLESS GOTHAM.
#$%& BATMAN AGAIN.
EMT
GRAYSON
DICK

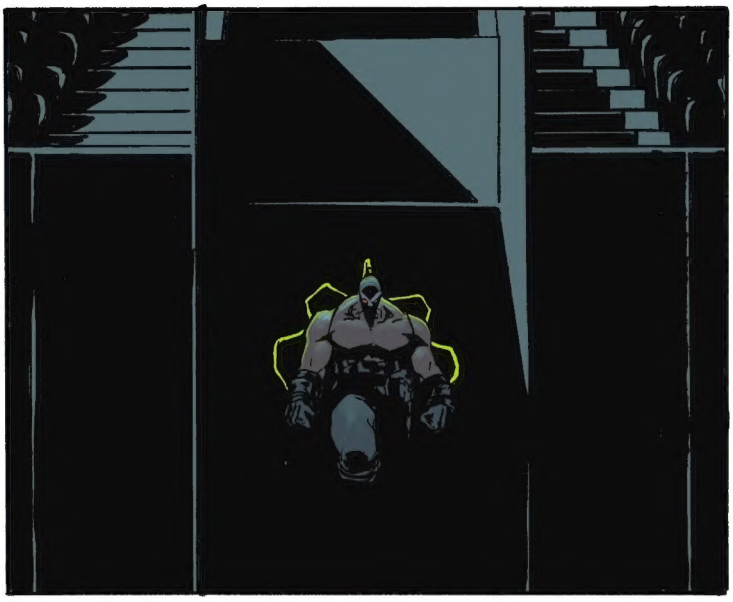

THERE YOU HAVE IT. AND THE MAYOR'S OFFICE HAS RELEASED A STATEMENT, REITERATING THAT THERE IS "ABSOLUTELY **NO FIGHT** BETWEEN BATMAN AND ANYONE ELSE HAPPENING TONIGHT."

SO THE FIGHT HAPPENS AT MIDNIGHT.
BUT--
BULLOCK. IT CAME STRAIGHT FROM ABOVE. NO ONE GETS WITHIN TEN BLOCKS OF THAT PLACE. EXCEPT FOR BATMAN...AND ***HIM.***

YES, SIR.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN HEAR ME...
...BUT IF YOU CAN?
I HOPE YOU HAVE A DAMN GOOD PLAN.
YOU SHOULD BE AWARE. ACCORDING TO OUR DATA, SUBJECT 27 LIKELY STILL HAS AT LEAST ONE INFUSION LEFT IN HIS SYSTEM.
I'M COUNTING ON IT.
IF HIS SYSTEM TOLERATES THE VENOM, HE CAN BE YOUR NEW PROJECT FROM NOW ON.
FAIR ENOUGH. BECAUSE WITH THE RECENT ENHANCEMENT, THERE'S NO COMPARISON.
BUT BANE, AFTER THIS FIGHT, YOUR SYSTEM WILL NEED A LONG REST.
"THE HEART'S ONLY TRUE NURSE." ALL I WANT IS REST, DOCTOR ARKHAM. ONE MORE FIGHT-- ONE MORE-- AND I'LL HAVE IT.

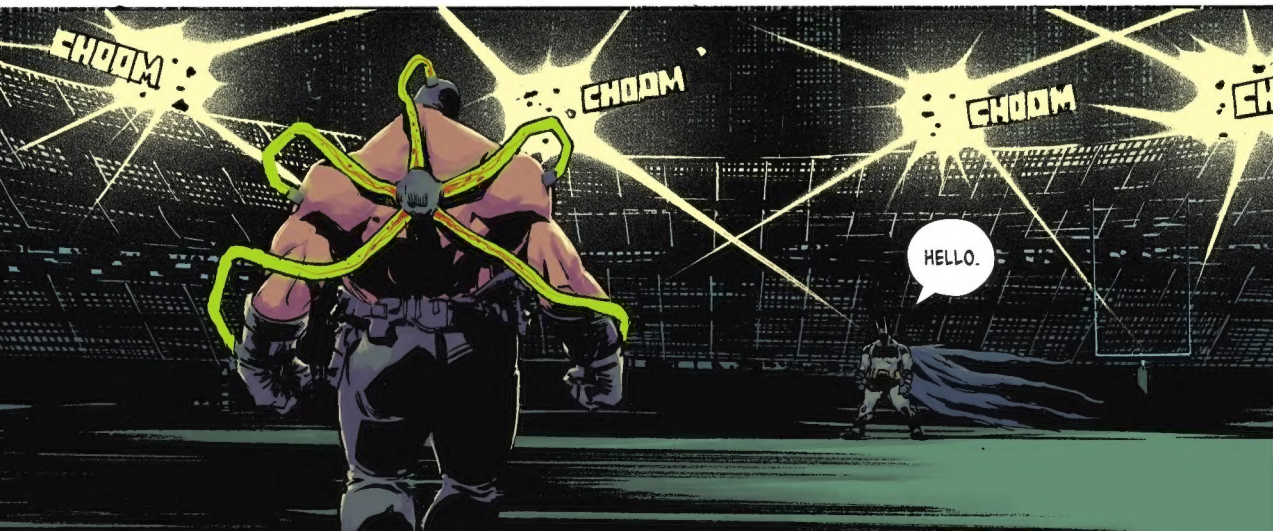
AND HERE WE GO, FOLKS--
AN UNPRECEDENTED, EPIC TEN-ROUND BATTLE BETWEEN CHALLENGER WAYLON JONES AND CHAMP BIBBO BIBOWSKI--
BIBBO
CROC JONES



WELL?
HERE I AM.

I SAID, HERE I AM! WHERE'S YOUR CHAMPION?

LIGHT 'EM UP, GUYS!


CHOOM
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HELLO.

ALL RIGHT, KID, HERE WE GO. REMEMBER THE PLAN. YOU WEAR HIM DOWN, KEEP AT HIM UNTIL HE USES UP ALL HIS VENOM, AND THEN, WHEN HE'S GOT NOTHING LEFT...YOU USE YOURS AND YOU--
STOP TALKING. IT'S TIME.
HARLEY?
YEP.
MAKE 'EM FAMOUS!
SMILE, BOYS.
AH! THE GREAT REPUBLIC WATCHES...I HOPE YOU'VE LEARNED SOME NEW TECHNIQUES SO WE CAN GIVE THEM AN ACTUAL SPECTACLE. LET'S SEE...
IT'S ALL SET. IN THE SEVENTH, JONES LOSES BIG. AND WE WIN BIG.
AND HERE THEY GO! A TRUE DAVID-AND-GOLIATH MATCH--
--THE SHOCKING THING IS THAT JONES SEEMS TO HAVE NO ONE IN HIS CORNER. NO TRAINER, NOBODY. HE'S A MAN ALONE--
SO? YOUR MOVE.
CLICK
BOOM

BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM
I CALL THIS MOVE...
..."WELCOME TO GOTHAM."
HEH.
BOOM

JONES COMES OUT SWINGING--
SOUTHPAW, TOO. SEEMS HE HAS A TRICK OR TWO UP HIS SLEEVE.
INCOMING!
YOU THINK I DON'T SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING, LITTLE ONE?
LOCKED IN, KID!
FIRE!
THOOM
THUNK
THUNK
VROOOM
AAGH!

THREE ROUNDS INTO THIS HEAVYWEIGHT BOUT AND JONES IS STILL BRINGING IT TO THE CHAMP!
As I come around to hit Bane again, I make the mistake of glancing at him. He's already **healed.** But how? And his **size**...something is wrong.
His speed, too. I'm tumbling through the air before I know it.
BOOM
COME ON! IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT?!
But what Batman lacks in power and speed...
...he makes up for in **brutality.**
UNH!
He's a genius at violence.
SHK
AAAGH!
And I've **known** some prodigies in my day. But him...
...he moves like a man ecstatic. A man born to do this very thing. He doesn't hesitate, not even when Bane **regrows his eyeball.**

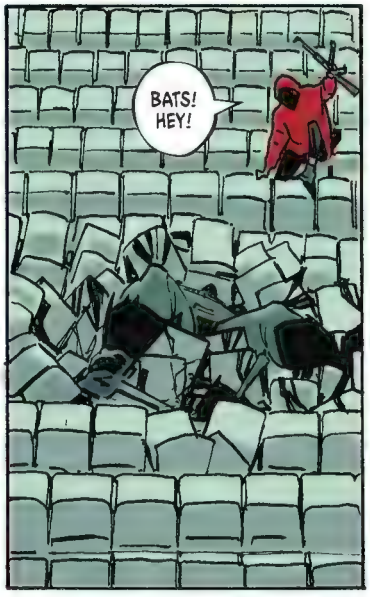
The kid revels in it, the bringing forth of blood from those who deserve it. The blood of people who never see their own in the open air.
People so powerful they've almost forgotten what courses through their own veins.
SHEEK
SHUUK
Until Batman shows them. In red, spraying arcs.
PLUCK!
But then Bane grabs him.
KID! NO!
YOU KNOW, WE'RE NOT THAT DIFFERENT, YOU AND ME.
THE TRUTH IS, I LOOK AT YOU AND I SEE MYSELF, YOUNG, STUPID.
BUT PLAYTIME IS OVER. SO GO ON, NOW.
USE IT. IT'S YOUR ONLY MOVE.
NOT... QUITE... NOW!
RELEASE THE GREEN MACHINE!

RRRAHH!

The thing that was once Waylon Jones tears at him, ripping off chunks of flesh, swallowing them whole.
Bane infuses more Venom. I can hear the sickening squelch of muscle fibers multiplying, thickening. He grows bigger, impossibly big. The wounds close.
SLASH
But god bless him, the kid keeps on.
AAGHHH!
YOU LITTLE--
WHAT?! NO FANCY QUOTE?!
"TOWARDS GNATS AND FLEAS WE SHOULD SHOW NO PITY..."
BOOM

--CHAMP COMES ROARING BACK! THIS COULD BE TROUBLE FOR JONES--
--AS WE MOVE INTO THE LATTER HALF WHO EXPECTED THIS TO BE A CLASSIC?

LORD, THAT WAS A BRUTAL HOOK BY BIBBO.
HIT HIM AGAIN! SO #$%& HARD THEY FEEL IT UP IN THE NOSEBLEEDS!


BATS! HEY!

AND WITH NO ONE IN HIS CORNER, JONES LOOKS LOST!
HA! THIS IS IT. YOUR BOY GOES DOWN NEXT ROUND. HARD.

SO THIS IS PROBABLY WHEN SOMEONE GIVES YOU A BIG INSPIRATIONAL SPEECH, BUT I'M JUST GOING TO TELL YOU TO GET THE $%& UP, COOL?
COOL.

KID, HE JUST KEEPS INFUSING MORE VENOM!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HIS MAX LEVEL IS.

NOW GET BACK IN THERE AND SAVE THAT ALLIGATOR!
CROCODILE.

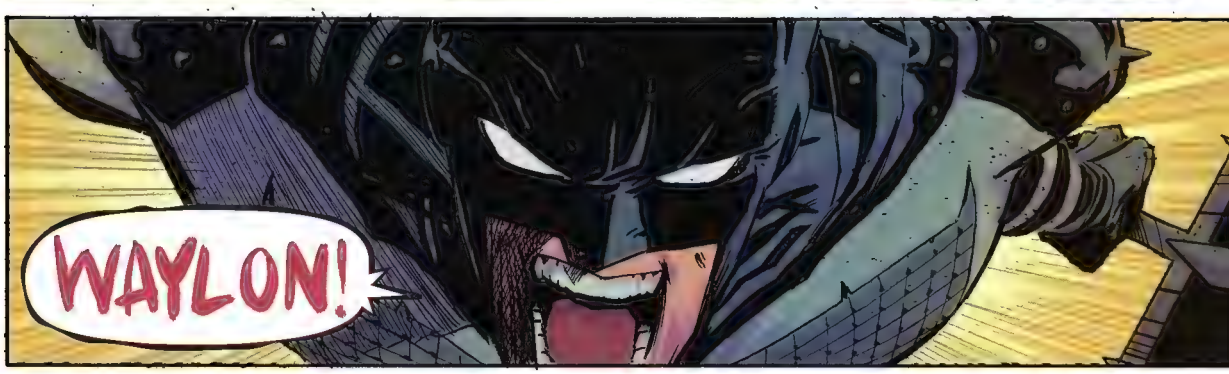
HELL, I DON'T KNOW THAT HE HAS ONE ANYMORE!

WHAT'S YOUR POINT, PENNY-WORTH?

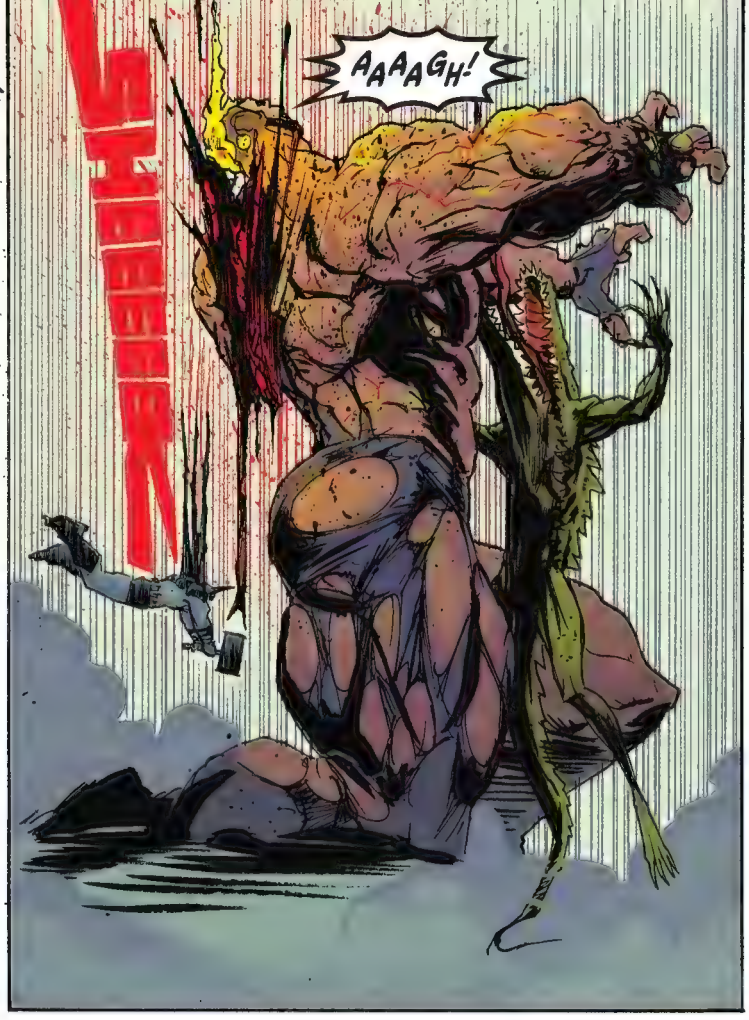
MY POINT IS, I DONT THINK YOU CAN GET HIM TO REACH SOME MAX LEVEL AT ALL! IF YOU USE THE VENOM NOW, MAYBE YOU CAN AT LEAST GET OUT OF--

NO! WE STICK TO THE PLAN!

TELL ME WE'RE STILL LIVE?
OH, WE'RE LIVE, BOSS.

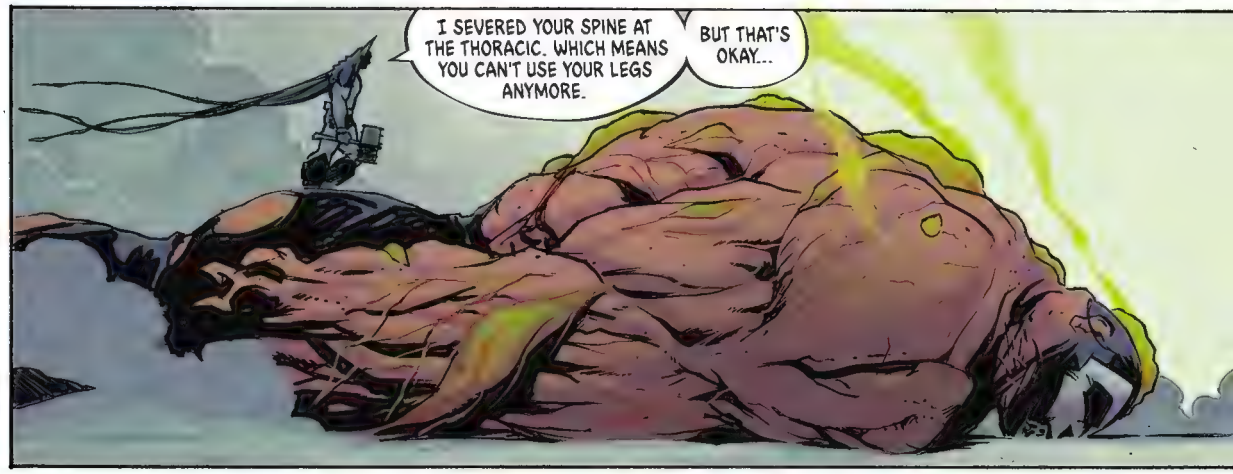

WAYLON!

HALFWAY INTO THE SEVENTH AND JONES IS BARELY HANGING ON!
HEY!
STOP!
YOU CAN'T--
WAY!
BRUCE?
YEAH! I'M HERE!


SHRIEK
AAAAGH!

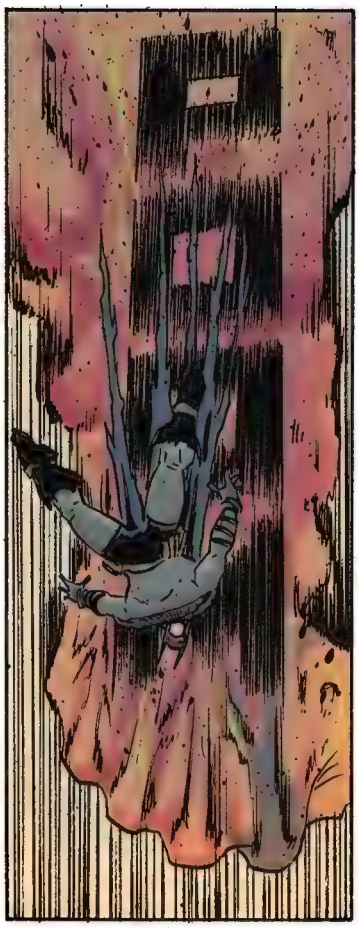
IT'S ALL RIGHT, WAY. GO. AND THANK YOU...

...I GOT THIS.

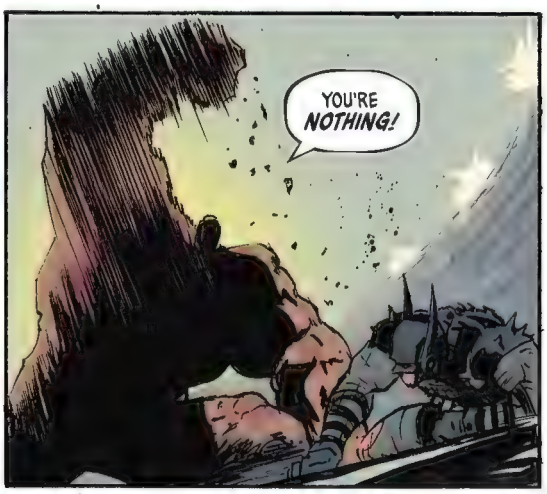

I SEVERED YOUR SPINE AT THE THORACIC. WHICH MEANS YOU CAN'T USE YOUR LEGS ANYMORE.
BUT THAT'S OKAY...

YOU STILL HAVE YOUR ARMS...
OH MAN. NOW YOU CAN'T USE YOUR ARMS EITHER. BUT HEY, YOU CAN STILL BITE ME.
AND NO, WE'RE NOT THAT DIFFERENT, BANE. WE BOTH LOST FATHERS. THE DIFFERENCE IS, I DIDN'T BREAK MY FATHER'S BACK.
OR HIS HEART.
RRRRRRR
BRRRRAHHHH!
BANE! IT'S INCREDIBLE, YOUR SYSTEM...IT'S SURPASSING ANY LIMIT WE THOUGHT POSSIBLE!

YOU THINK YOU CAN WIN?!



THAT YOU'RE BETTER THAN ME?!


YOU'RE NOTHING!

BOOM

--THIS COULD BE IT FOR JONES!
BIBBO HAS A DEATH LOCK ON THAT REAR NAKED CHOKE--

NOTHING!
ME, I'VE GIVEN EVERYTHING, ALL SO MY PEOPLE AND HOME COULD BE SAFE! BECAUSE THIS IS WAR! IT'S ALL WAR!
BUT I'M DONE. IT'S YOUR TURN NOW!
YOUR TURN!

I...I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT I'M SEEING. BANE, YOUR CELLS...
...THEY'VE MOVED BEYOND SELF-REPAIRING AND BECOME... ALMOST EMBRYONIC, UNDIFFERENTIATED. IF 27 IS ANYTHING LIKE YOU...
...YOU'RE A MIRACLE.
NOW USE IT!
COME ON, WAY! DON'T GIVE UP!
BOOM
--JONES SEARCHING FOR SOME LAST RESERVE OF STRENGTH--
DO IT, KID! USE THE VENOM!
IT'S YOUR ONLY CHANCE OF MAKING IT OUT OF THERE ALIVE! PLEASE!
GO ON. USE IT.
COUGH ALL RIGHT... YOU WIN.
YOU WANT ME TO USE THE VENOM?
I'LL USE IT.
CATWOMAN...

...TAKE THE SHOT.
I GOT YOU, BABY.
THUP THUP
THUP THUP THUP

JONES GOES AIRBORNE!
FLIPS HIM! USING THE CHAMP'S OWN WEIGHT--

THAP
THAP
THAP
THAP
THAP

...NO.

--DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?!

WAIT! STOP!
NO.
THUNK
I can't help but laugh then.
Laugh like I haven't in years.
Because this kid...bloody hell.
But how?

TWO DAYS AGO.
SO HOW MUCH OF THIS STUFF AM I TAKING OUT OF YOU AGAIN?
ALL OF IT, EDDIE. EVERY DROP. I'LL BEAT HIM MY WAY.
WHATEVER HAPPENS, I'M PROUD OF YOU, WAYNE.
UNBELIEVABLE! JONES HAS DONE IT!
NOW GO KICK THIS GUY'S ASS.
DID THAT REALLY JUST HAPPEN?!
I #$%& HOPE SO! BECAUSE I BET IT ALL ON YOU, BROTHER.
SHUT UP.
"I'M SERIOUS. EVEN FALCONE'S PORTION."
I WANT WAYNE DEAD! YOU HEAR ME?!
Now, in hindsight, I understand how he won.
Batman.
I see it.
THIS KEEPS UP, I'M GOING TO NEED A BIGGER TV.
The thing Bane didn't.
MAN. BATMAN DOESN'T #$%^ AR--
SHUT UP.
The thing all kings and generals and masters of war always fail to take into account--
--that for some soldiers winning isn't the point.

Because theirs is a fight that's bigger than any war. It's old as time and immediate as a baby's scream and there's no end to it, ever, not really.
It's about doing what's right, no more, no less.
So, for someone like Batman? He's not fighting to win.
SPLOOOSH
He's fighting to fight. The fight is the point.
For home. For the people he loves.
SHOVE
YOU SEE THAT, OZ?
BRUCE KICKED HIM RIGHT INTO THE BAY!
And I'm grateful to Batman for the reminder.
LATER...
DID YOU HAVE A NICE VISIT TO GOTHAM, MS. KYLE?
THAT'S ONE WAY TO DESCRIBE IT.
CAN I TAKE THAT FOR YOU?
NO, I'LL KEEP THIS ONE WITH ME, THANKS...
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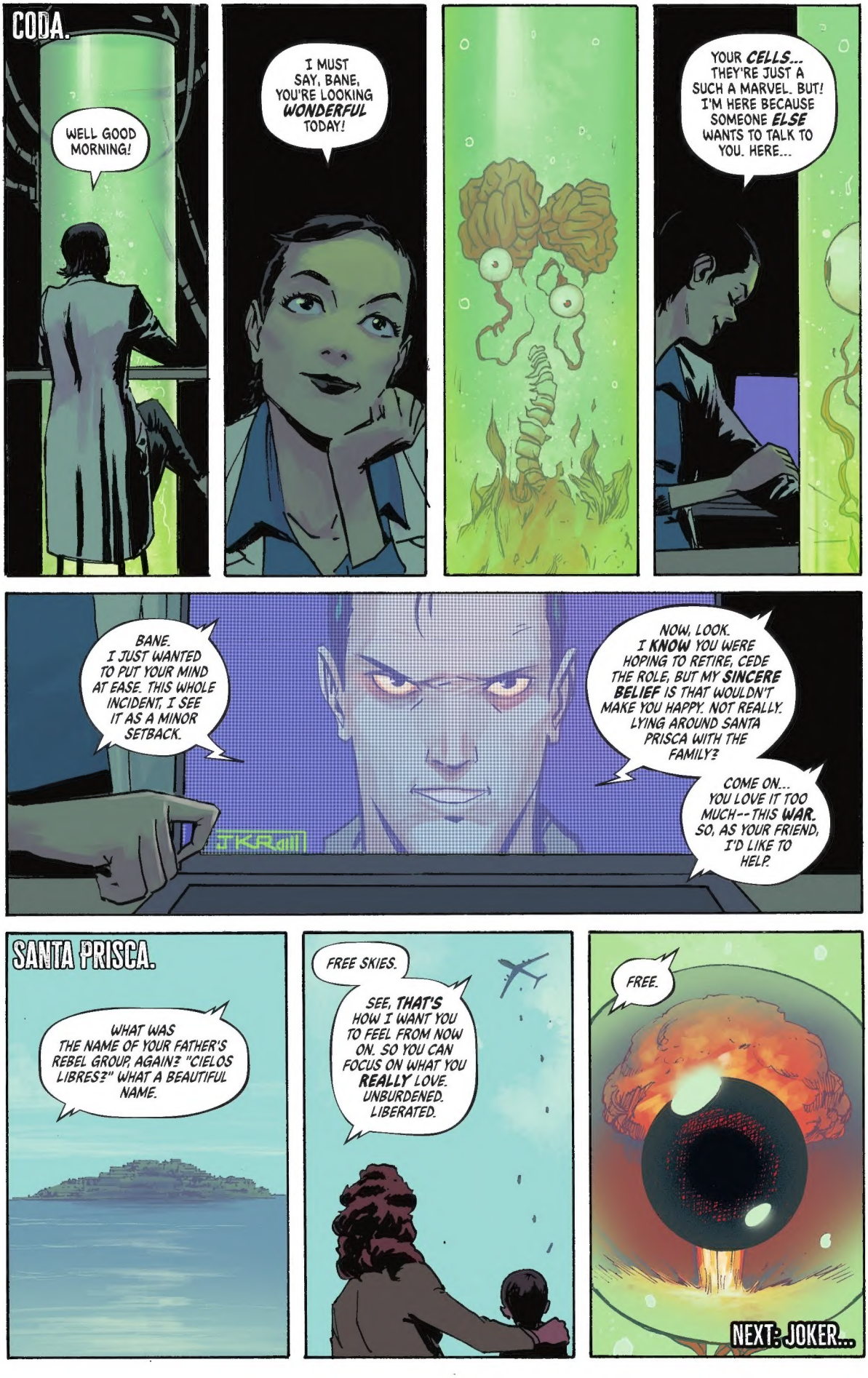
CODA.
WELL GOOD MORNING!
I MUST SAY, BANE, YOU'RE LOOKING WONDERFUL TODAY!
YOUR CELLS... THEY'RE JUST A SUCH A MARVEL. BUT! I'M HERE BECAUSE SOMEONE ELSE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU. HERE...
BANE. I JUST WANTED TO PUT YOUR MIND AT EASE. THIS WHOLE INCIDENT, I SEE IT AS A MINOR SETBACK.
NOW, LOOK. I KNOW YOU WERE HOPING TO RETIRE, CEDE THE ROLE, BUT MY SINCERE BELIEF IS THAT WOULDN'T MAKE YOU HAPPY. NOT REALLY. LYING AROUND SANTA PRISCA WITH THE FAMILY?
COME ON... YOU LOVE IT TOO MUCH--THIS WAR. SO, AS YOUR FRIEND, I'D LIKE TO HELP.
JKRail
SANTA PRISCA.
WHAT WAS THE NAME OF YOUR FATHER'S REBEL GROUP, AGAIN? "CIELOS LIBRES?" WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME.
FREE SKIES.
SEE, THAT'S HOW I WANT YOU TO FEEL FROM NOW ON. SO YOU CAN FOCUS ON WHAT YOU REALLY LOVE. UNBURDENED. LIBERATED.
FREE.
NEXT: JOKER...

THE FIRST DAYS OF THE FIRST SUPER-TEAM!

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